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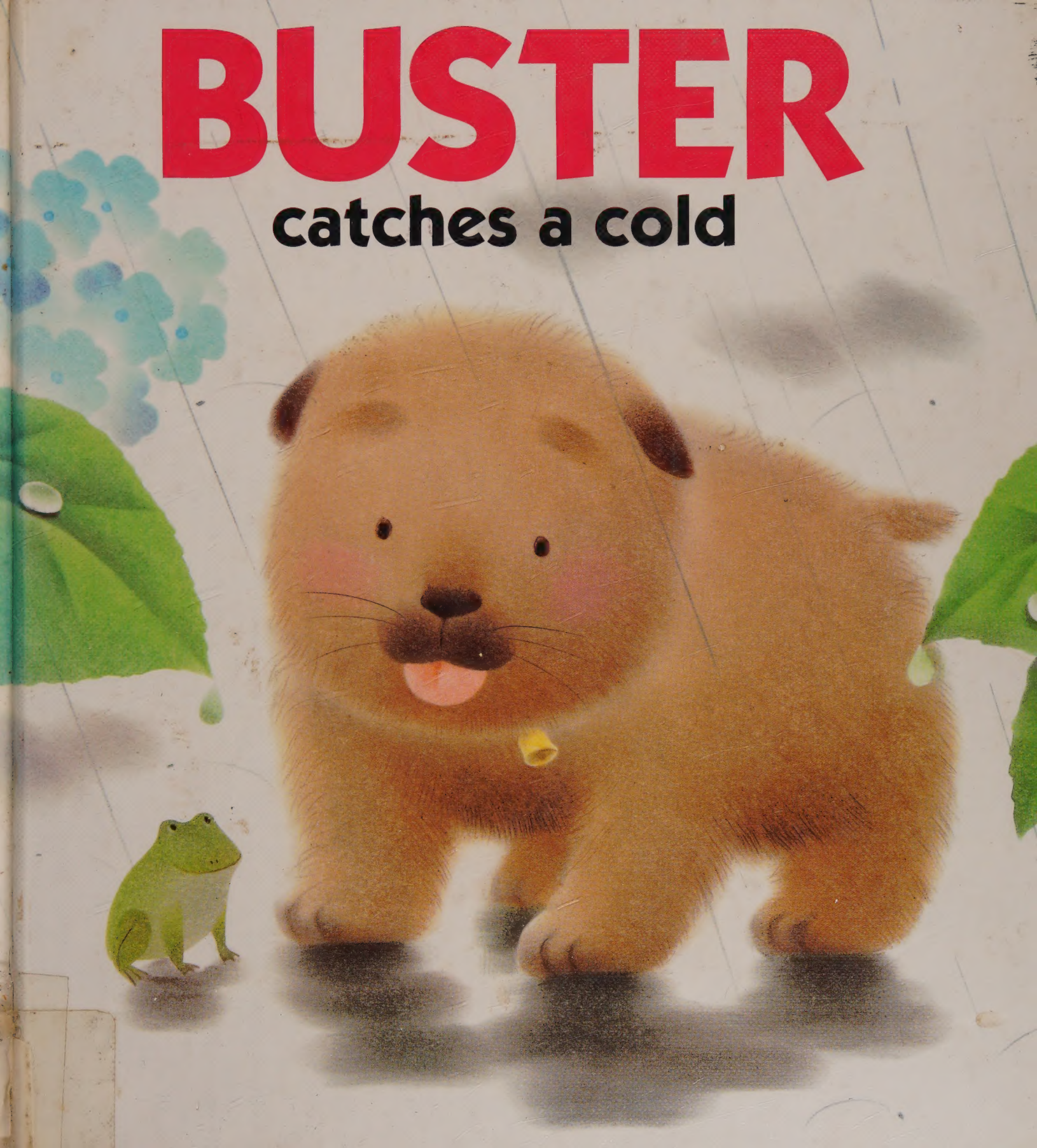

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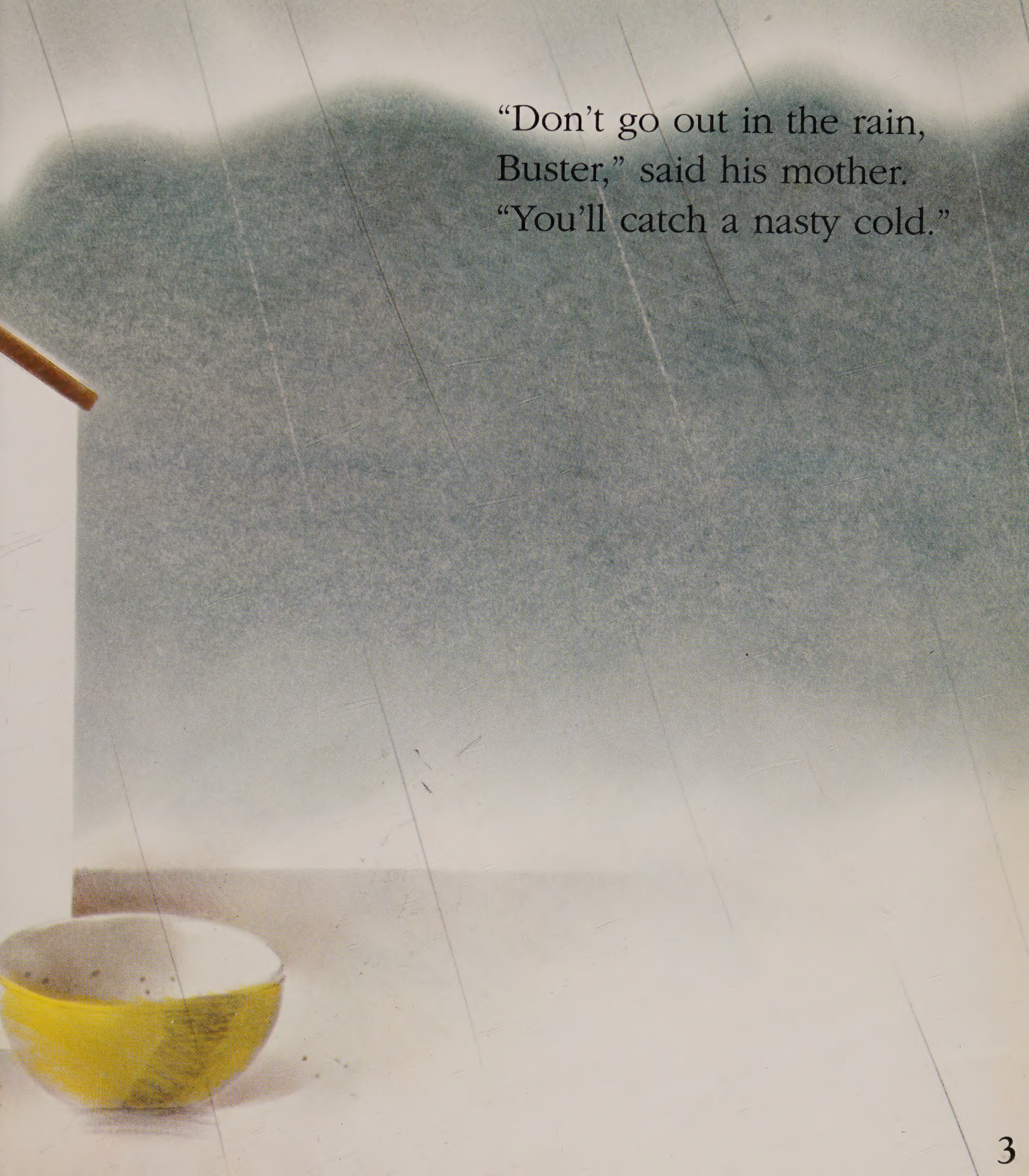
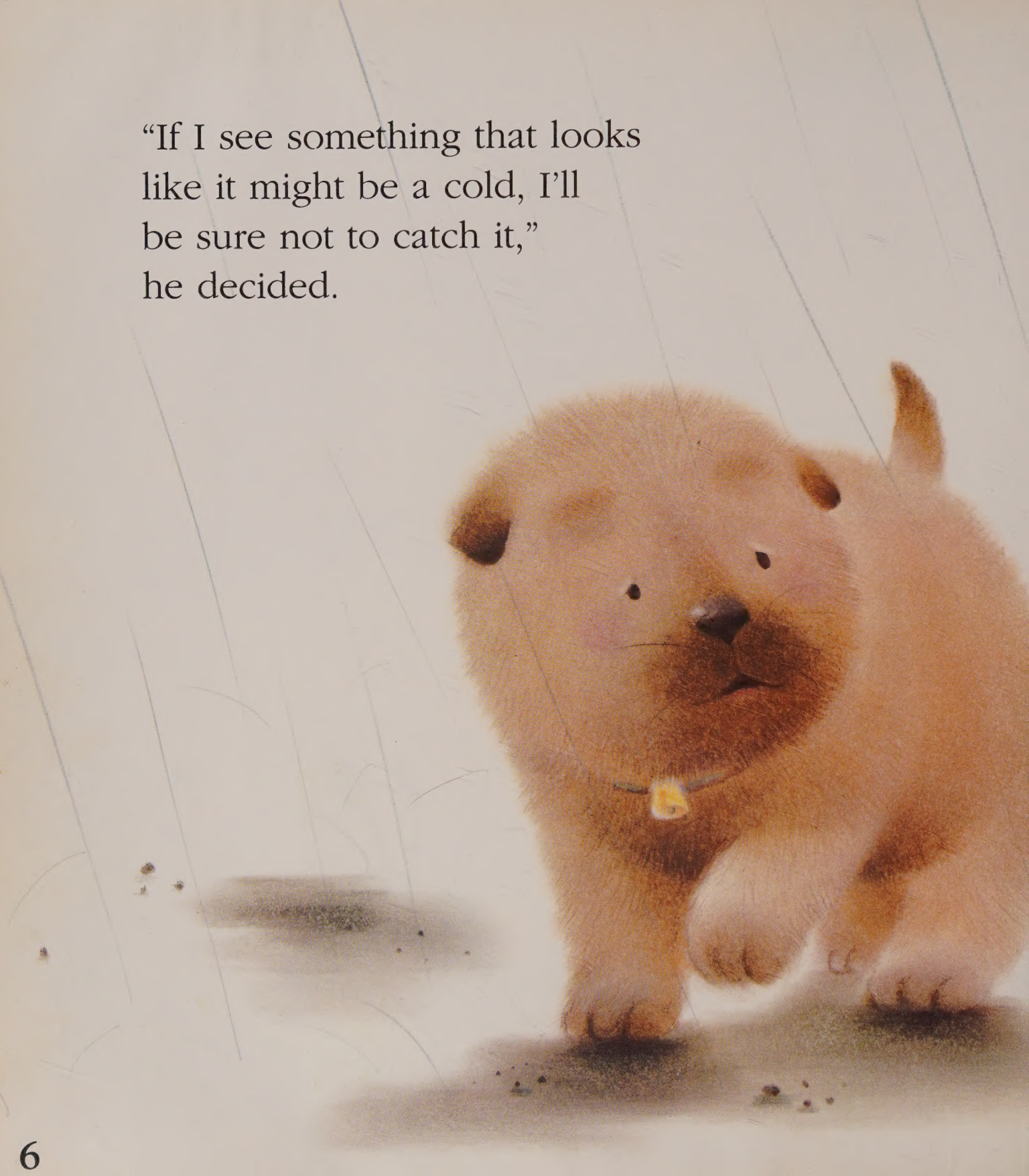


"Don't go out in the rain,
Buster," said his mother.
"You'll catch a nasty cold."

Buster waited until his mother was asleep. Then he tiptoed outside. "I wonder what a cold is," he thought to himself.

"If I see something that looks
like it might be a cold, I'll
be sure not to catch it,"
he decided.



A frog jumped out of
a flowering bush.
"Yipes!" cried Buster.
"A cold!"

"I'm not a cold," said the
frog. "I'm a frog."

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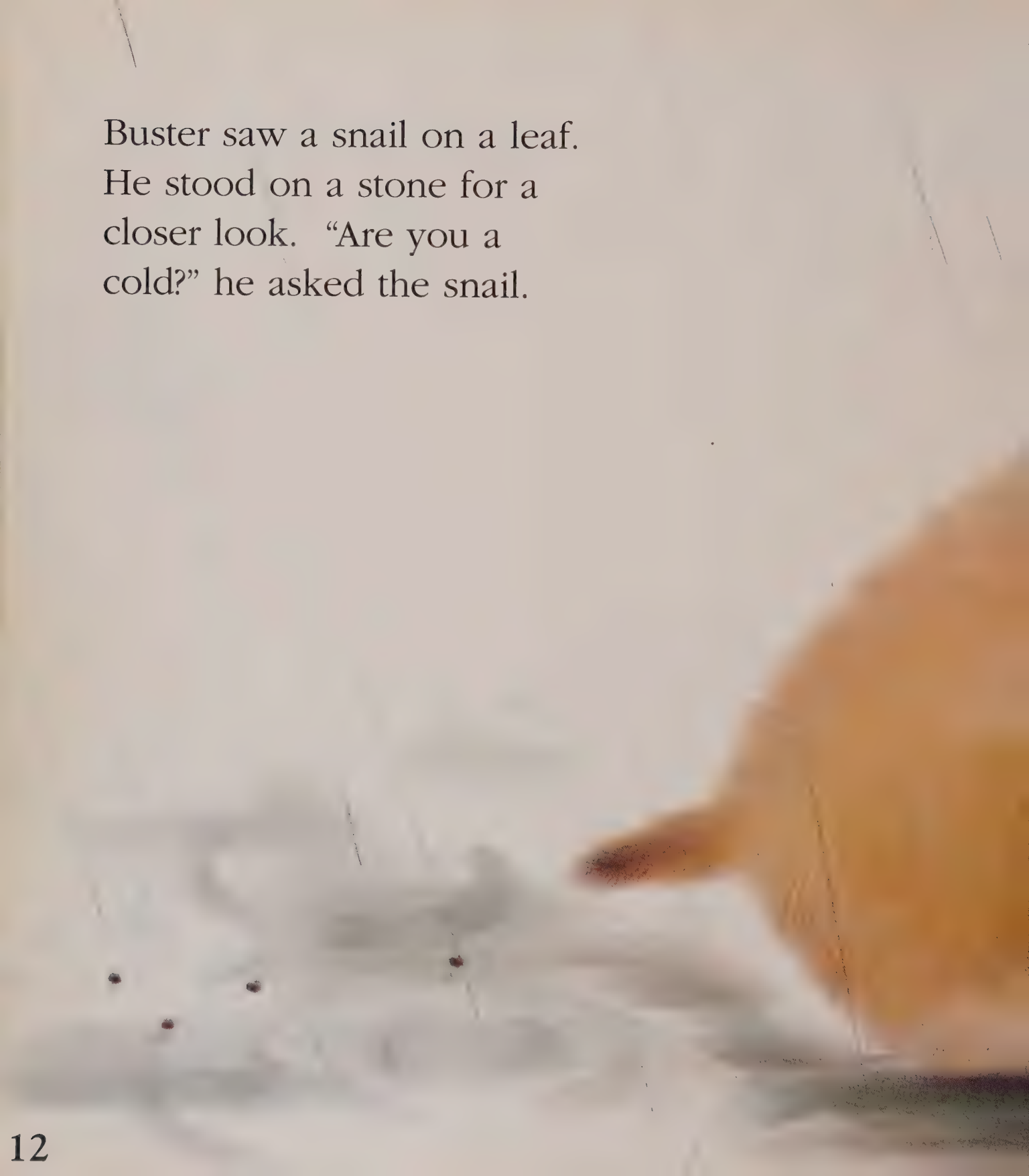
"C'mon, let's play tag!"

Buster saw a snail on a leaf. He stood on a stone for a closer look. "Are you a cold?" he asked the snail.

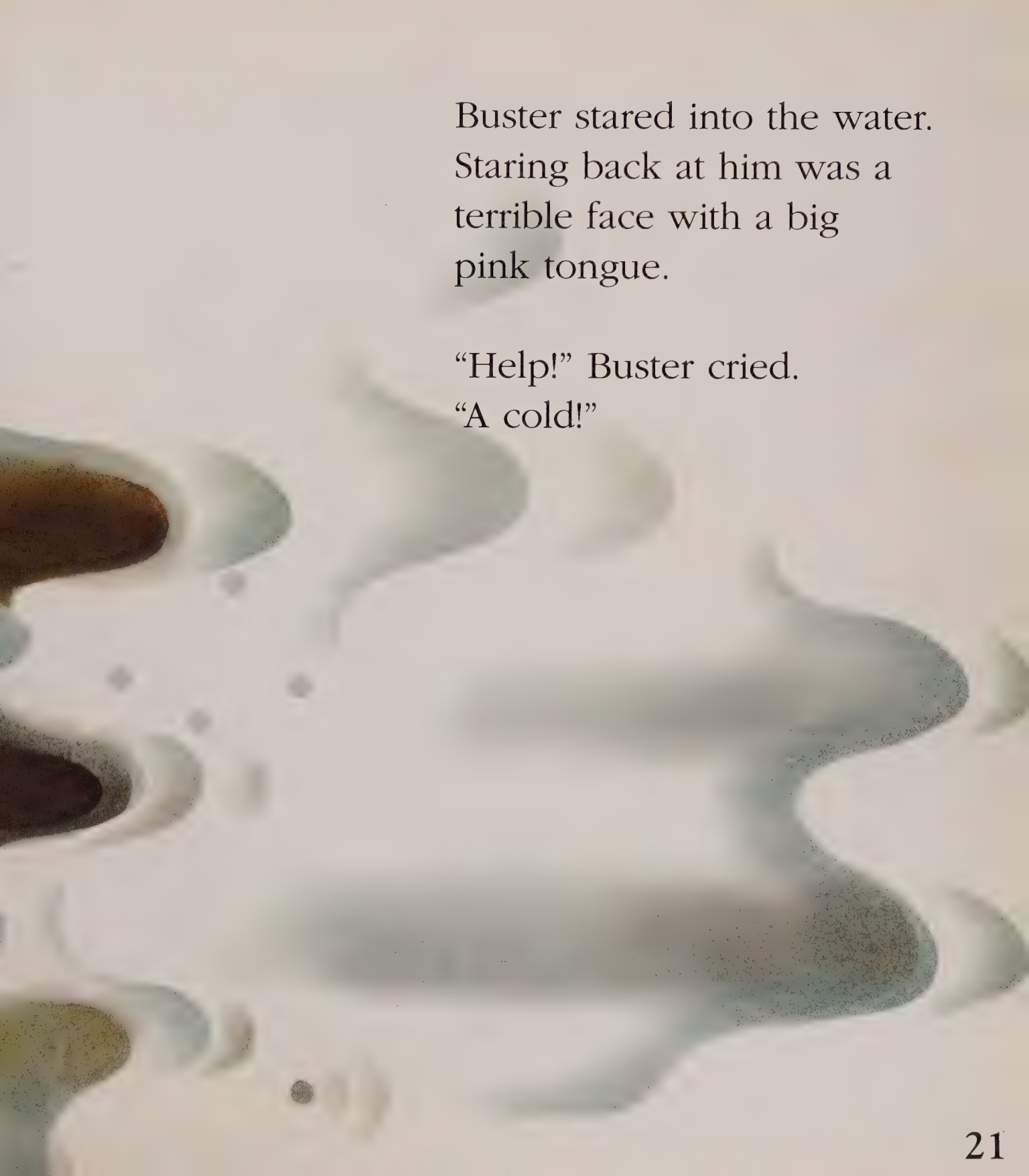


"Of course I'm not a cold,"
said the snail as he crawled
away through a puddle.

The frog hopped away, too,
and Buster was left alone
in the rain.

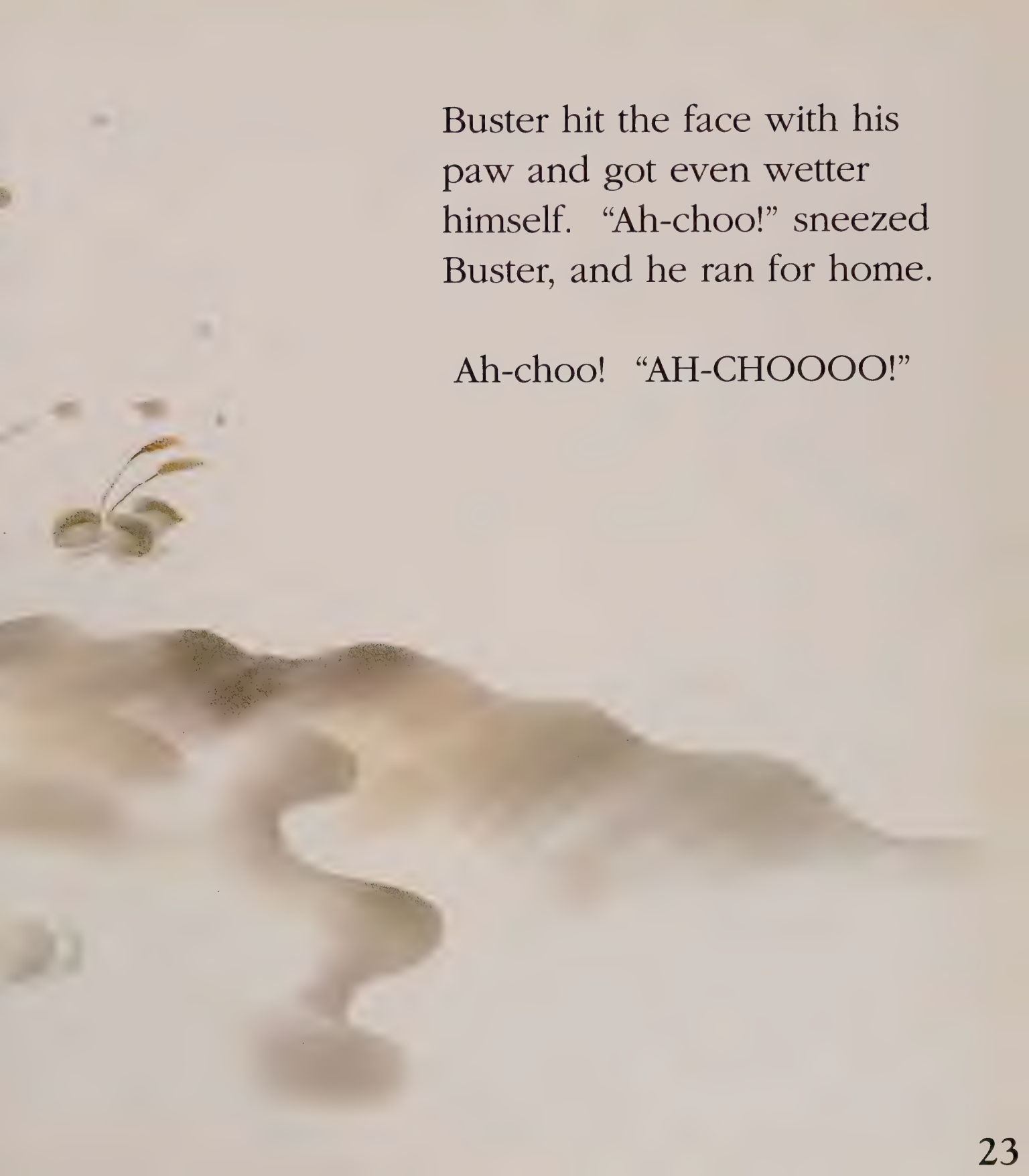
"I don't think I'll ever see
a cold!" he thought,
and shivered.

Suddenly, Buster saw a huge puddle in front of him. "I wonder if colds live in puddles," he thought.



Buster stared into the water. Staring back at him was a terrible face with a big pink tongue.

"Help!" Buster cried. "A cold!"



Buster hit the face with his paw and got even wetter himself. "Ah-choo!" sneezed Buster, and he ran for home.

Ah-choo! "AH-CHOOOO!"

"I said you'd catch a cold," said his mother, covering him with a warm blanket.

"Sorry, Mother," said Buster. "But I did enjoy the rain. Ah-choo!"

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